BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aquila Inc. D/B/A)	Application No. NG-0044
Aquila Networks, Kansas City, Missouri; Black Hills Corpora- tion, and Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, both of Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of the proposed transfer of Aquila's Certificate of Convenience and for a Change of Control of Aquila's Nebraska))))))	ORDER SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE
jurisdictional assets.)	Entered: April 20, 2007

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On April 4, 2007, a joint application was filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks ("Aquila"), Black Hills Corporation ("Black Hills"), Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC ("BH Nebraska Gas")(collectively the "Applicants"), seeking approval of the proposed transfer of Aquila's Nebraska Certificate of Convenience and the proposed change of control of Aquila's jurisdictional utility located in Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6, 2007.

At present, the service list is as follows:

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Any changes to the service list must be filed in writing with the Nebraska Public Service Commission at 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

In order to process the application, the Commission will hold a planning conference in this matter on May 9, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Any motions or preliminary filings must be served on all parties. The Applicants submitted a proposed procedural schedule for consideration in this proceeding. I anticipate that the timing for discovery may be shorter than provided by the Nebraska Supreme Court Discovery Rules and urge all parties contemplating Intervention to take note of the abbreviated schedule that may be adopted as a result of the planning conference.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that a planning conference is hereby scheduled for May 9, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. CDT as provided above.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 20th day of April, 2007.

BY:

Frank E. Landis HEARING OFFICER

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